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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/338,063
Filed: June 23, 1999
Title: Novel Proteins and Methods for Producing the
Proteins
Applicants: GOTO *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16991.005

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Response to the Office Action Mailed March 27, 2003; and
2. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16991.005. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2003, (Paper No. 40), Applicant's submit the following amendments and remarks.

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